

## **Delta Dental**

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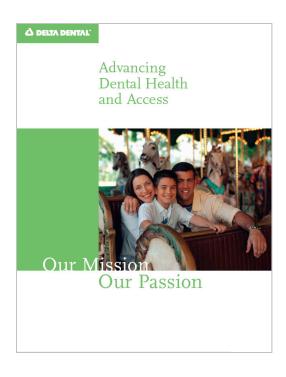
## Who is Delta Dental?

- We specialize in dental benefits
- Founded group dental benefits in the 1950s
- Covers 47 million Americans nationwide
- Largest and most experienced provider of group dental benefits in the nation
- We are committed to improving the dental health of all Americans



# **Community Support**

## Delta Dental supports:



- Community oral health clinics
- New dental research
- Community-based oral health education and treatment initiatives (scholarships, educational grants, continuing education sessions for professionals, etc.)



## **Benefit Enhancements for 2008**

- 2 examinations per calendar year
   (no longer limited to non-routine exams)
- Dental Implants
  - Covered as prosthetic benefit at 50%
  - Subject to annual maximum of \$1,500



# **Importance of Preventive Care**

- Dental benefits emphasize preventive care
- \$1 in preventive care saves \$50 in restorative or emergency expenses, according to the American Dental Hygienists' Association.
- Regular dental visits can tell you about your overall health.
  - More than 90% of all systemic diseases including diabetes, leukemia, cancer, heart disease, kidney disease and osteoporosis have oral symptoms.
- Delta Dental is your dental health resource.
  - Visit our web site's dental health section, our SmileKids site or subscribe to Dental Wire, our free e-mail newsletter on dental health.



# **Delta Dental PPO Plan Design**

Service	Premier Dentists or Out-of-Network Dentists	PPO Dentists
Annual Maximum Annual Deductible	\$1,500 \$50 per person	\$1,500 \$50 per person
Oral exam/x-ray	100%	100%
Cleaning twice per year	100%	100%
Amalgam fillings, Sealants	75%	80%
Root canal, periodontal scaling	75%	80%
Crown	50%	50%
Prosthetic, including Implants	50%	50%
Orthodontics	50% \$1,500 lifetime maximum \$500 lifetime maximum (age 25+)	50% \$1,500 lifetime maximum \$500 lifetime maximum (age 25+)

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## **Delta Dental Program Overview**

- Freedom to visit any licensed dentist in the world
- Guaranteed copayments and no balance billing from any Delta Dental dentists
- Quality protections
- Two networks of dentists to choose from
  - Enhanced benefits and lower out-of-pocket costs when visiting a PPO dentist.

Dental Health Tip: Replace your toothbrush every 3-4 months and store upright to prevent bacteria.



## The Delta Dental Difference<sup>™</sup>

- Lower Out-Of-Pocket Costs
  - Delta Dental's contracts with dentists mean lower costs for you.
  - Delta Dental dentists will not charge you any more than the patient share (any applicable copayments, deductibles and amount over your annual maximum).
- Claims Convenience
  - Delta Dental dentists submit claim forms for you and Delta Dental pays the dentist directly.



## The Delta Dental Difference<sup>™</sup>

- Quick Claims Processing
  - Delta Dental typically processes claims in 10 calendar days or less.
- Pre-Existing Conditions Covered
  - Delta Dental provides benefits for pre-existing conditions in the interest of good dental health.
- Quality Control
  - Delta Dental makes sure the care you receive is necessary and effective.



## **Choosing your Provider**

**Delta Dental PPO Plus Premier** provides you with three options in one program. Enrollees have complete freedom to choose a dentist. They can visit:

- A dentist who participates in Delta Dental PPO
- A Delta Dental Premier dentist or
- A dentist who does not participate with Delta Dental

Savings are determined by the network selected.

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## **Delta Dental PPO Plus Premier**

Delta Dental Premier Dentists	A fee-for-service plan that offers the largest network of dentists in the U.S.	
	Premier dentists have contracted fees and agree to accept those fees as payment in full.	
Delta Dental	Discounted fee-for-service plan.	
PPO Dentists	PPO dentists agree to accept a reduced schedule of payments as compared to Delta Dental Premier providers.	
Non-Participating Dentists	There are no fee contracts and non-Delta dentist are reimbursed based on average fees for contracted dentists.	



# How to Find a Delta Dental Dentist

- Go to our web site (www.dentaldentalca.org/LANS) and select Dentist Directory
- Select the network you are interested in
  - Delta Dental Premier<sup>®</sup>
  - Delta Dental PPO
- Enter search criteria (name, address, specialty, special office features)
- Link to a map and driving directions
- Or call our toll free number which can provide voice information or a faxed list.



# Ask for a Predetermination/ Pre-treatment estimate

If your proposed treatment will cost more than \$300:

- Determine costs ahead of time by asking your dentist to submit a predetermination before treatment is provided.
- Delta Dental provides an estimate of the cost of treatment and what we will pay.
- This free service helps you and your dentist make informed decisions about the cost of treatment.

Dental Health Tip: Tobacco users are 50% more likely to develop periodontal disease.



## **On-line Services**

## www.deltadentalca.org/LANS

- Custom-designed web page for LANS enrollees
- Eligibility & benefits verification
- Claims status
- Dentist directories with maps and driving directions
- Highlights of Benefits
- Evidence of Coverage brochure
- Dental Wire free newsletter with dental health tips for members
- Extensive dental health information





## www.WeKeepKidsSmiling.com



## Dental Health Tip:

Most tooth decay can be prevented when fluoridation is combined with dental sealants and other fluoride products, such as toothpaste.



# International Dentist Referral Service

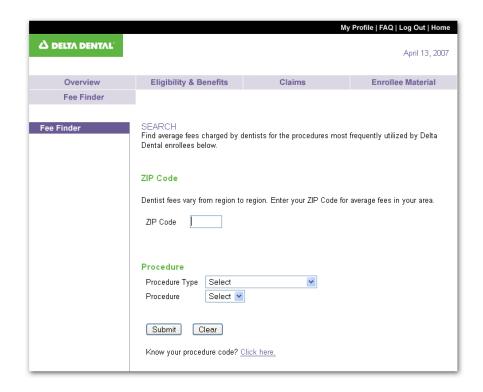
- Traveling enrollees can obtain referrals to Englishspeaking dentists in nearly 200 countries through our partnership with International SOS Assistance (I-SOS).
- You can call toll-free from within the U.S. or call collect from outside the U.S. to find a dentist's name, address, specialty, office hours and languages spoken. You receive the same benefits and are subject to the same limitations and exclusions as when visiting a nonparticipating dentist in the U.S.
- The list of dentists will soon be available on our web site.



## **Dental Fee Finder**

We offer a new service that allows you to obtain estimates of the average cost of common dental procedures in your area by entering the first three digits of your ZIP code.

Dental Health Tip: Smokers are 2 times more likely to need root canals.





# **Customer Service Assistance Toll Free at 1-800-777-5854**

- Customer Service access
  - Customer Service:
    - Monday Friday 7 a.m. 7 p.m. CT
    - Multilingual representatives with dental office experience
    - AT&T language line allows us to accommodate every language
  - IVR order custom provider directories, check eligibility, claims status, request forms, request fax of summary of benefits
    - Monday Friday 7 a.m. Midnight. CT
    - Saturday and Sunday 24-hour access
  - E-mail 24-hour resolution



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